

A bill would do, actually the Appropriations Committee is proposing to spend, I believe it's \$282,000 less than the Governor in our total package. And if you look on page 22, there is the comparing financial statuses for the bienniums. And then if you look on pages 23 through 29, there is the summary of actions, comparing the committee and the Governor as far as our recommendations. And so that is the turquoise sheet, I encourage people to read over that, ask committee members any questions about it. And, as I mentioned, there's...I turned in the list of bills that we propose to have in our package. And actually now that I've used this time to explain the recommendation, the actual motion we're talking about is the introduction of a new bill. It would eliminate the Athletic Commission as a state agency. And, with that, I'd ask for adoption of the motion to allow us to do such.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President, members, I apologize. I only heard briefly some of the introductory comments by Senator Moore. But, Senator Moore, why is it again being proposed that we eliminate the State Athletic Commission, and why just after the middle of the session are we looking at a new bill with this sort of a proposal?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator Wesely, actually in the Governor's recommendation he recommended doing away with the Athletic Commission and merging it with the Department of Economic Development. That was in the Governor's original recommendation. The committee is basically of the opinion that unless we're willing to start General Funding that agency, we must do away with it. And so we have not...we have placed, for '91-92 a total of \$28,000 General Fund assistance to that agency to get it through until July 1. The committee is of the opinion that instead of continuing to pump General Funds into what has historically been a cash funded agency, the body ought to make a decision on whether or not they want to continue doing that. The only way you can do that is introduce a bill, have a hearing, and decide whether or not that's something we want to do. And I said if we...the body does not want to introduce this bill, we'll have to have a floor amendment...another floor amendment to LB 1022 to add at least \$25,000 in the '92-93. And so the decision of the committee is that they are looking at this actually in December, and then visiting with the Athletic Commission, to some degree. I mean the agency can no longer